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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
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3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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16 amount of land set aside for public recreation.

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12 Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor.

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18 management programs in order to retain, enhance, and
19 interpret the significant features of the lands, water, and
20 structures of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley
21 in the State of Connecticut.

22 **SEC. 4. BOUNDARIES AND ADMINISTRATION.**

23 (a) **BOUNDARIES.**—The Boundaries of the Corridor
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25 Chaplin, Coventry, Eastford, Franklin, Griswold, Hamp-

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 2 Plainfield, Pomfret, Preston, Putnam, Scotland, Sprague,
 3 Sterling, Thompson, Voluntown, Windham, and Wood-
 4 stock. As soon as practical after the date of enactment
 5 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in
 6 the Federal Register a detailed description and map of
 7 boundaries established under this subsection.

8 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Corridor shall be admin-
 9 istered in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

10 **SEC. 5. QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY NA-**
 11 **TIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR COMMISSION.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
 13 within the Department of the Interior the Quinebaug and
 14 Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Com-
 15 mission (referred to in this Act as the “Commission”).
 16 The Commission shall assist appropriate Federal, State,
 17 regional planning organizations, and local authorities in
 18 the development and implementation of an integrated re-
 19 source management plan for the lands and water as speci-
 20 fied in section 3.

21 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall be com-
 22 prised of 19 members appointed not later than 6 months
 23 after the date of enactment of this Act as follows:

24 (1) The Director of the National Park Service
 25 ex officio (or his delegate).

1 ~~(2) 3 individuals appointed by the Secretary~~
2 ~~after consultation with the governor, who shall rep-~~
3 ~~resent the interests of—~~

4 ~~(A) the Connecticut Department of Envi-~~
5 ~~ronmental Protection,~~

6 ~~(B) the Connecticut Historical Commis-~~
7 ~~sion, and~~

8 ~~(C) the Connecticut Department of Eco-~~
9 ~~nomic Development.~~

10 ~~(3) 6 individuals representing the interests of~~
11 ~~local government or regional planning organizations~~
12 ~~from Connecticut appointed by the Secretary after~~
13 ~~consultation with the Governor, of whom, 3 shall be~~
14 ~~representatives of the 3 regional planning organiza-~~
15 ~~tions within the Corridor region and 3 shall be local~~
16 ~~elected officials from the region.~~

17 ~~(4) 9 individuals from the general public, who~~
18 ~~are citizens of the State of Connecticut, appointed~~
19 ~~by the Secretary, after consultation with the Gov-~~
20 ~~ernor, representing conservation, business, tourism,~~
21 ~~and recreational interests.~~

22 ~~A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the manner~~
23 ~~in which the original appointments were made.~~

24 ~~(c) TERMS.—(1) Members of the Commission shall~~
25 ~~be appointed for terms of 3 years and may be reappointed.~~

1 ~~(2)~~ Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring
2 before the expiration of the term for which his predecessor
3 was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder
4 of such term. Any member of the Commission appointed
5 for a definite term may serve after the expiration of his
6 term until his successor has taken office.

7 ~~(d)~~ COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commission
8 shall receive no pay on account of their service on the
9 Commission but while away from their homes or regular
10 places of business in the performance of services for the
11 Commission, members of the Commission shall be allowed
12 travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence,
13 in the same manner as persons employed intermittently
14 in the Government service are allowed expenses under sec-
15 tion 5703 of title 5, United State Code.

16 ~~(e)~~ CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the Commis-
17 sion shall be elected by the members of the Commission.

18 ~~(f)~~ QUORUM.—~~(1)~~ 8 members of the Commission
19 shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold
20 hearings.

21 ~~(2)~~ The affirmative vote of not less than 10 members
22 of the Commission shall be required to approve the budget
23 of the Commission.

24 ~~(g)~~ MEETINGS.—The Commission shall hold its first
25 meeting not later than 90 days after the date on which

1 its members are appointed, and shall meet at least quar-
2 terly at the call of the chairperson or 10 of its members.
3 Meetings of the Commission shall be subject to section
4 552(b) of title 5, United States Code (relating to open
5 meetings).

6 (h) PROXY.—Any member of the Commission may
7 vote by means of a signed proxy exercised by another
8 member of the Commission, but any member so voting
9 shall not be considered present for purposes of establish-
10 ing a quorum.

11 **SEC. 6. STAFF OF THE COMMISSION.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Commission shall have
13 the power to appoint and fix compensation of such staff
14 as may be necessary to carry out its duties.

15 (2) Staff appointed by the Commission—

16 (A) shall be appointed subject to the provisions
17 of title 5, United States Code, governing appoint-
18 ments in the competitive service; and

19 (B) shall be paid in accordance with provisions
20 of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of
21 such title relating to classification and General
22 Schedule pay rates.

23 (b) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—Subject to such
24 rules as may be adopted by the Commission, the Commis-
25 sion may procure temporary and intermittent services to

1 the same extent as is authorized by section 3109(b) of title
2 5, United States Code, but at rates determined by the
3 Commission to be reasonable.

4 ~~(c) STAFF OF OTHER AGENCIES.—(1) Upon request~~
5 ~~of the Commission, the head of any Federal agency may~~
6 ~~detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of~~
7 ~~such agency to the Commission to assist the Commission~~
8 ~~in carrying out the Commission's duties.~~

9 ~~(2) The Commission may accept the service of per-~~
10 ~~sonnel detailed from the State, any political subdivision~~
11 ~~and regional planning organizations, and may reimburse~~
12 ~~the State, political subdivision, and regional planning or-~~
13 ~~ganizations for those services.~~

14 **SEC. 7. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

15 ~~(a) HEARINGS.—(1) The Commission may, for the~~
16 ~~purposes of carrying out this Act, hold hearings, sit and~~
17 ~~act at such times and places, take such testimony, and~~
18 ~~receive such evidence, as the Commission considers appro-~~
19 ~~priate.~~

20 ~~(2) The Commission may not issue subpoenas or ex-~~
21 ~~ercise any subpoena authority.~~

22 ~~(b) POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.—Any mem-~~
23 ~~ber or agent of the Commission, if so authorized by the~~
24 ~~Commission, may take any action which the Commission~~
25 ~~is authorized to take by this Act.~~

1 ~~(c) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Ad-~~
2 ~~ministrator of the General Services Administration shall~~
3 ~~provide to the Commission on a reimbursable basis, such~~
4 ~~administrative support services as the Commission may re-~~
5 ~~quest.~~

6 ~~(d) MAILS.—The Commission may use the United~~
7 ~~States mails in the same manner and under the same con-~~
8 ~~ditions as other departments and other agencies of the~~
9 ~~United States.~~

10 ~~(e) USE OF FUNDS TO OBTAIN MONEY.—The Com-~~
11 ~~mission may use its funds to obtain money from any~~
12 ~~source under any program or law requiring the recipient~~
13 ~~of such money to make a contribution in order to receive~~
14 ~~such money.~~

15 ~~(f) GIFTS.—Except as provided in subsection~~
16 ~~(g)(2)(B), the Commission may, for purposes of carrying~~
17 ~~out its duties, seek, accept, and dispose of gifts, bequests,~~
18 ~~or donations of money, personal property, or services, re-~~
19 ~~ceived from any source: *Provided*, That such gifts are used~~
20 ~~for public purposes.~~

21 ~~(g) ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.—(1) Except~~
22 ~~as provided in paragraph (2) and except with respect to~~
23 ~~any leasing of facilities under subsection (c), the Commis-~~
24 ~~sion may not acquire any real property or interest in real~~
25 ~~property.~~

1 ~~(2)~~ Subject to paragraph ~~(3)~~, the Commission may
 2 acquire real property or interest in real property in the
 3 Corridor—

4 ~~(A)~~ by gift or devise; or

5 ~~(B)~~ by purchase from a willing seller with
 6 money that was given, appropriated, or bequeathed
 7 to the Commission on the condition that such money
 8 would be used to purchase real property, or interest
 9 in real property, in the Corridor.

10 ~~(3)~~ Any real property or interest in real property ac-
 11 quired by the Commission under paragraph ~~(2)~~ shall be
 12 conveyed by the Commission to an appropriate public or
 13 private land management agency, as determined by the
 14 Commission. Any such conveyance shall be made—

15 ~~(A)~~ as soon as practicable after such acqui-
 16 sition;

17 ~~(B)~~ without consideration; and

18 ~~(C)~~ on the condition that the real property or
 19 interest in real property so conveyed is used for pub-
 20 lic purposes.

21 ~~(h)~~ COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—For purposes of
 22 carrying out the plan, the Commission may enter into co-
 23 operative agreements with the State of Connecticut, with
 24 any political subdivision, or with any person or organiza-
 25 tion. Any such cooperative agreement shall, at a minimum,

1 establish procedures for providing notice to the Commis-
2 sion of any action proposed by the State, such political
3 subdivision, or such person which may affect implementa-
4 tion of the plan referred to in section 8.

5 **SEC. 8. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.**

6 (a) ~~PREPARATION OF PLAN.~~—Within 2 years after
7 the Commission conducts its first meeting, it shall submit
8 to the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Con-
9 necticut for review and approval of Cultural Heritage and
10 Corridor Management Plan. The Plan shall be based on
11 existing Federal, State, and local plans, but shall coordi-
12 nate those plans and present a unified historic preserva-
13 tion, interpretation, and recreational plan for the Cor-
14 ridor. The plan shall—

15 (1) provide an inventory which includes any
16 property in the Corridor which should be preserved,
17 restored, managed, developed, maintained, or ac-
18 quired because of its national historic or cultural or
19 recreational significance;

20 (2) recommend advisory standards and criteria
21 applicable to the construction, preservation, restora-
22 tion, alteration, and use of all properties within the
23 Corridor;

24 (3) develop an historic interpretation plan to in-
25 terpret the history of the Corridor;

1 (4) develop an inventory which includes existing
2 and potential recreational sites which are developed
3 or which could be developed along the Quinebaug
4 and Shetucket Rivers and their surrounding areas;

5 (5) recommend policies for resource manage-
6 ment which consider and detail application of appro-
7 priate land and water management techniques, in-
8 cluding but not limited to, the development of inter-
9 governmental cooperative agreements to protect the
10 Corridor's historical, cultural, recreational, scenic,
11 and natural resources in a manner consistent with
12 supporting appropriate and compatible economic re-
13 vitalization efforts;

14 (6) detail ways in which local, State, and Fed-
15 eral programs may best be coordinated to promote
16 the purposes of this Act; and

17 (7) contain a program for implementation of
18 the Plan by the State and its political subdivisions.

19 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN.—After review and
20 approval of the Plan by the Secretary and the Governor
21 as provided in subsection (a), the Commission shall imple-
22 ment the Plan by taking appropriate steps to preserve and
23 interpret the historic resources, develop the recreational
24 resources of the Corridor and its surrounding area, and
25 to support public and private efforts in economic revital-

1 ization, consistent with the goals of the Plan. These steps
2 may include, but need not be limited to—

3 (1) assisting the State and local governmental
4 entities or regional planning organizations, and non-
5 profit organizations in preserving the Corridor and
6 ensuring appropriate use of lands and structures
7 throughout the Corridor;

8 (2) assisting the State and local governmental
9 entities or regional planning organizations, and non-
10 profit organizations in establishing, and maintaining
11 visitor centers and other interpretive exhibits in the
12 Corridor;

13 (3) assisting the State and local governmental
14 entities or regional planning organizations, and non-
15 profit organizations in developing recreational pro-
16 grams and resources in the Corridor;

17 (4) assisting the State and local governmental
18 entities or regional planning organizations, and non-
19 profit organizations in increasing public awareness
20 of and appreciation for the historical and architec-
21 tural resources and sites in the Corridor;

22 (5) assisting the State and local governmental
23 or regional planning organizations and nonprofit or-
24 ganizations in the restoration of any historic build-
25 ing in the Corridor;

1 (6) encouraging by appropriate means enhanced
2 economic and industrial development in the Corridor
3 consistent with the goals of the Plan;

4 (7) encouraging local governments to adopt
5 land use policies consistent with the management of
6 the Corridor and the goals of the Plan, and to en-
7 sure appropriate use of lands and structures
8 throughout the Corridor; and

9 (8) assisting the State and local governmental
10 entities or regional planning organizations to ensure
11 that clear, consistent signs identifying access points
12 and sites of interest are put in place throughout the
13 Corridor.

14 **SEC. 9. TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.**

15 ~~(a) TERMINATION.~~—Except as provided in subsection
16 ~~(b)~~, the Commission shall terminate on the day occurring
17 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

18 ~~(b) EXTENSION.~~—The Commission may be extended
19 for a period of not more than 5 years beginning on the
20 day of termination referred to in subsection (a) if, not
21 later than 180 days before such day—

22 (1) the Commission determines such extension
23 is necessary in order to carry out the purposes of
24 this Act;

1 ~~(2) the Commission submits such proposed ex-~~
2 ~~ension to the Committee on Natural Resources of~~
3 ~~the United States House of Representatives and the~~
4 ~~Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the~~
5 ~~United States Senate; and~~

6 ~~(3) the Secretary, in consultation with the Gov-~~
7 ~~ernor of Connecticut, approves such extension.~~

8 **SEC. 10. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.**

9 ~~(a) APPROVAL OF PLAN.—The Secretary of the Inte-~~
10 ~~rior, in consultation with the Governor of Connecticut,~~
11 ~~shall approve or disapprove a Plan submitted under this~~
12 ~~Act by the Commission not later than 60 days after receiv-~~
13 ~~ing such Plan. The Secretary, in consultation with the~~
14 ~~Governor, shall approve a Plan submitted if—~~

15 ~~(1) they find the Plan, if implemented, would~~
16 ~~adequately protect significant historical and cultural~~
17 ~~resources of the Corridor while providing adequate~~
18 ~~and appropriate outdoor recreational opportunities~~
19 ~~and economic activities within the Corridor;~~

20 ~~(2) they determine that the Commission held~~
21 ~~public hearings and provided adequate opportunity~~
22 ~~for public and governmental involvement in the prep-~~
23 ~~aration of the Plan; and~~

24 ~~(3) the Secretary receives adequate assurances~~
25 ~~from appropriate State officials that the rec-~~

1 ommended implementation program identified in the
 2 Plan will be initiated within a reasonable time after
 3 date of approval of the Plan, and that such imple-
 4 mentation program will ensure effective implementa-
 5 tion of the State and local aspects of the Plan.

6 ~~(b) DISAPPROVAL OF PLAN.~~—If the Secretary dis-
 7 approves a Plan submitted to him by the Commission, he
 8 shall advise the Commission in writing of the reasons
 9 therefor and shall make recommendations for revisions in
 10 the Plan. The Commission shall within 90 days of receipt
 11 of such notice of disapproval revise and resubmit the plan
 12 to the Secretary who shall approve or disapprove a pro-
 13 posed revision within 60 days after the date it is submitted
 14 to him.

15 ~~(c) ASSISTANCE.~~—The Secretary of the Interior shall,
 16 upon request of the Commission, assist the Commission
 17 in the preparation and implementation of Plan.

18 **SEC. 11. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL ENTITIES.**

19 Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activi-
 20 ties directly affecting the Corridor shall—

21 (1) consult with the Secretary and the Commis-
 22 sion with respect to such activities;

23 (2) cooperate with the Secretary and the Com-
 24 mission with respect to such activities and, to the

1 maximum extent practicable, coordinate such activi-
2 ties; and

3 (3) to the maximum extent practicable, conduct
4 or support such activities in a manner which the
5 Commission determines will not have an adverse ef-
6 fect on the Corridor.

7 **SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 (a) COMMISSION.—There is authorized to be appro-
9 priated \$200,000 for fiscal year 1994 and \$250,000 annu-
10 ally to the Commission to carry out its duties under this
11 Act except that the Federal contributions to the Commis-
12 sion shall not exceed 50 percent of the annual costs to
13 the Commission in carrying out those duties.

14 (b) SECRETARY.—There are authorized to be appro-
15 priated annually to the Secretary such sums as may be
16 necessary to carry out his duties under this Act.

17 **SEC. 13. DEFINITIONS.**

18 For purposes of this Act—

19 (1) The term “Commission” means the
20 Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National
21 Heritage Corridor Commission established under
22 section 5.

23 (2) The term “State” means the State of Con-
24 necticut.

1 (3) The term “Corridor” means the Quinebaug
2 and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Cor-
3 ridor established under section 3.

4 (4) The term “Plan” means the Cultural Herit-
5 age and Corridor Management Plan to be prepared
6 by the Commission pursuant to section 8.

7 (5) The term “Governor” means the Governor
8 of the State of Connecticut.

9 (6) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
10 of the Interior.

11 (7) The term “regional planning organization”
12 means each of the 3 regional planning organizations
13 established by Connecticut State statute chapter 127
14 and chapter 50 (the Northeast Council of Govern-
15 ments, the Windham Regional Planning Agency or
16 its successor, and the Southeastern Connecticut Re-
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 25 *soon as practical after the date of enactment of this Act,*

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 2 *tailed description and map of boundaries established under*
 3 *this subsection.*

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 17 *19 members to be appointed by the Secretary no later than*
 18 *6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, as follows:*

19 (1) *The Director of the National Park Service, ex*
 20 *officio (or the Director's designee).*

21 (2) *18 members appointed after considering rec-*
 22 *ommendations submitted by the Governor of Connecti-*
 23 *cut, who shall represent—*

24 (A) *one member from the Connecticut De-*
 25 *partment of Environmental Protection;*

1 (B) one member from the Connecticut His-
2 torical Commission;

3 (C) one member from the Connecticut De-
4 partment of Economic Development;

5 (D) 6 members appointed from local govern-
6 ment or regional planning organizations, of
7 whom, 3 shall be representatives of the 3 regional
8 planning organizations within the Corridor re-
9 gion and 3 shall be local elected officials from the
10 region; and

11 (E) 9 members from the general public, who
12 are citizens of the State of Connecticut represent-
13 ing conservation, business, tourism and rec-
14 reational interests.

15 (c) *TERMS.*—(1) Members of the Commission shall be
16 appointed for terms of 3 years and may be reappointed.

17 (2) Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring
18 before the expiration of the term for which his predecessor
19 was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder
20 of such term. Any member of the Commission appointed
21 for a definite term may serve after the expiration of his
22 term until his successor has taken office.

23 (3) A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the
24 manner in which the original appointments were made.

1 (d) *COMPENSATION.*—Members of the Commission
2 shall receive no pay on account of their service on the Com-
3 mission but while away from their homes or regular places
4 of business in the performance of services for the Commis-
5 sion, members of the Commission shall be allowed travel ex-
6 penses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the
7 same manner as persons employed intermittently in the
8 Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703
9 of title 5, United States Code.

10 (e) *CHAIRPERSON.*—The members of the Commission
11 shall elect one member to serve as a Chairperson.

12 (f) *QUORUM.*—(1) Eight members of the Commission
13 shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold
14 hearings.

15 (2) The affirmative vote of not less than 10 members
16 of the Commission shall be required to approve the budget
17 of the Commission.

18 (g) *MEETINGS.*—The Commission shall hold its first
19 meeting not later than 90 days after the date on which its
20 members are appointed, and shall meet at least quarterly
21 at the call of the chairperson or 10 of its members. Meetings
22 of the Commission shall be subject to section 552(b) of title
23 5, United States Code (relating to open meetings).

24 (h) *PROXY.*—Any member of the Commission may vote
25 by means of a signed proxy exercised by another member

1 *of the Commission, but any member so voting shall not be*
 2 *considered present for purposes of establishing a quorum.*

3 ***SEC. 6. STAFF OF THE COMMISSION.***

4 *(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Commission shall have the*
 5 *power to appoint and fix compensation of such staff as may*
 6 *be necessary to carry out its duties.*

7 *(2) Staff appointed by the Commission—*

8 *(A) shall be appointed subject to the provisions*
 9 *of title 5, United States Code, governing appoint-*
 10 *ments in the competitive service; and*

11 *(B) shall be paid in accordance with provisions*
 12 *of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such*
 13 *title relating to classification and General Schedule*
 14 *pay rates.*

15 *(b) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—Subject to such*
 16 *rules as may be adopted by the Commission, the Commis-*
 17 *sion may procure temporary and intermittent services to*
 18 *the same extent as is authorized by section 3109(b) of title*
 19 *5, United States Code, but at rates determined by the Com-*
 20 *mission to be reasonable.*

21 *(c) STAFF OF FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES.—(1)*
 22 *Upon request of the Commission, the head of any Federal*
 23 *agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the per-*
 24 *sonnel of such agency to the Commission to assist the Com-*
 25 *mission in carrying out its duties.*

1 (2) *The Commission may accept the service of person-*
2 *nel detailed from the State, any political subdivision and*
3 *regional planning organizations, and may reimburse the*
4 *State, political subdivision, and regional planning organi-*
5 *zations for those services.*

6 **SEC. 7. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

7 (a) *HEARINGS.—(1) The Commission may, for the*
8 *purposes of carrying out this Act, hold hearings, sit and*
9 *act at such times and places, take such testimony, and re-*
10 *ceive such evidence, as the Commission considers appro-*
11 *priate.*

12 (2) *The Commission may not issue subpoenas or exer-*
13 *cise any subpoena authority.*

14 (b) *POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.—Any mem-*
15 *ber or agent of the Commission, if so authorized by the Com-*
16 *mission, may take any action which the Commission is au-*
17 *thorized to take by this Act.*

18 (c) *ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Ad-*
19 *ministrator of the General Services Administration shall*
20 *provide to the Commission on a reimbursable basis, such*
21 *administrative support services as the Commission may*
22 *request.*

23 (d) *MAILS.—The Commission may use the United*
24 *States mails in the same manner and under the same condi-*

1 *tions as other departments and agencies of the United*
2 *States.*

3 *(e) USE OF FUNDS TO OBTAIN MONEY.—The Commis-*
4 *sion may use its funds to obtain money from any source*
5 *under any program or law requiring the recipient of such*
6 *money to make a contribution in order to receive such*
7 *money.*

8 *(f) GIFTS.—Except as provided in subsection*
9 *(g)(2)(B), the Commission may, for purposes of carrying*
10 *out its duties, seek, accept, and dispose of gifts, bequests,*
11 *or donations of money, personal property, or services, re-*
12 *ceived from any source: Provided, That such gifts are used*
13 *for public purposes.*

14 *(g) ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.—(1) Except as*
15 *provided in paragraph (2) and except with respect to any*
16 *leasing of facilities under subsection (c), the Commission*
17 *shall not acquire any real property or interest in real*
18 *property.*

19 *(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the Commission may ac-*
20 *quire real property or interest in real property in the*
21 *Corridor—*

22 *(A) by gift or devise; or*

23 *(B) by purchase from a willing seller with*
24 *money that was donated, appropriated, or bequeathed*
25 *to the Commission on the condition that such money*

1 *would be used to purchase real property, or interest*
 2 *in real property, in the Corridor.*

3 *(3) Any real property or interest in real property ac-*
 4 *quired by the Commission under paragraph (2) shall be*
 5 *conveyed by the Commission to an appropriate public or*
 6 *private land management agency, as determined by the*
 7 *Commission. Any such conveyance shall be made—*

8 *(A) as soon as practicable after such acquisition;*

9 *(B) without consideration; and*

10 *(C) on the condition that the real property or in-*
 11 *terest in real property so conveyed is used for public*
 12 *purposes.*

13 *(h) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—For purposes of*
 14 *carrying out the plan, the Commission may enter into coop-*
 15 *erative agreements with the State of Connecticut, with any*
 16 *political subdivision, or with any person or organization.*
 17 *Any such cooperative agreement shall, at a minimum, es-*
 18 *tablish procedures for providing notice to the Commission*
 19 *of action proposed by the State, such political subdivision,*
 20 *or such person which may affect implementation of the plan*
 21 *referred to in section 8.*

22 **SEC. 8. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.**

23 *(a) PREPARATION OF PLAN.—Within 2 years after the*
 24 *Commission conducts its first meeting, it shall submit to*
 25 *the Secretary and the Governor for review and approval*

1 *a Cultural Heritage and Corridor Management Plan. The*
2 *plan shall be based on existing Federal, State, and local*
3 *plans, but shall coordinate those plans and present a com-*
4 *prehensive historic preservation, interpretation, and rec-*
5 *reational plan for the Corridor. The plan shall—*

6 *(1) recommend non-binding advisory standards*
7 *and criteria pertaining to the construction, preserva-*
8 *tion, restoration, alteration and use of properties*
9 *within the Corridor, including an inventory of such*
10 *properties which potentially could be preserved, re-*
11 *stored, managed, developed, maintained, or acquired*
12 *based upon their historic, cultural or recreational sig-*
13 *nificance;*

14 *(2) develop an historic interpretation plan to in-*
15 *terpret the history of the Corridor;*

16 *(3) develop an inventory of existing and poten-*
17 *tial recreational sites which are developed or which*
18 *could be developed within the Corridor;*

19 *(4) recommend policies for resource management*
20 *which consider and detail application of appropriate*
21 *land and water management techniques, including*
22 *but not limited to, the development of intergovern-*
23 *mental cooperative agreements to protect the Cor-*
24 *ridor's historical, cultural, recreational, scenic, and*
25 *natural resources in a manner consistent with sup-*

1 *porting appropriate and compatible economic revital-*
2 *ization efforts;*

3 *(5) detail ways in which local, State, and Fed-*
4 *eral programs may best be coordinated to promote the*
5 *purposes of this Act; and*

6 *(6) contain a program for implementation of the*
7 *plan by the State and its political subdivisions.*

8 *(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN.—After review and ap-*
9 *proval of the plan by the Secretary and the Governor as*
10 *provided in section 10(a), the Commission shall implement*
11 *the plan by taking appropriate steps to assist in the preser-*
12 *vation and interpretation of historic resources, and to assist*
13 *in the development of recreational resources within the Cor-*
14 *ridor. These steps may include, but need not be limited to—*

15 *(1) assisting the State and local governmental*
16 *entities or regional planning organizations, and non-*
17 *profit organizations in preserving the Corridor and*
18 *ensuring appropriate use of lands and structures*
19 *throughout the Corridor;*

20 *(2) assisting the State and local governmental*
21 *entities or regional planning organizations, and non-*
22 *profit organizations in establishing and maintaining*
23 *visitor centers and other interpretive exhibits in the*
24 *Corridor;*

1 (3) assisting the State and local governmental
2 entities or regional planning organizations, and non-
3 profit organizations in developing recreational pro-
4 grams and resources in the Corridor;

5 (4) assisting the State and local governmental
6 entities or regional planning organizations, and non-
7 profit organizations in increasing public awareness of
8 and appreciation for the historical and architectural
9 resources and sites in the Corridor;

10 (5) assisting the State and local governmental or
11 regional planning organizations and non-profit orga-
12 nizations in the restoration of historic buildings with-
13 in the Corridor identified pursuant to the inventory
14 required in section 8(a)(1);

15 (6) encouraging by appropriate means enhanced
16 economic and industrial development in the Corridor
17 consistent with the goals of the plan;

18 (7) encouraging local governments to adopt land
19 use policies consistent with the management of the
20 Corridor and the goals of the plan; and

21 (8) assisting the State and local governmental
22 entities or regional planning organizations to ensure
23 that clear, consistent signs identifying access points
24 and sites of interest are put in place throughout the
25 Corridor.

1 **SEC. 9. TERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION.**

2 (a) *TERMINATION.*—Except as provided in subsection
3 (b), the Commission shall terminate on the day occurring
4 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

5 (b) *EXTENSION.*—The Commission may be extended
6 for a period of not more than 5 years beginning on the day
7 of termination referred to in subsection (a) if, not later than
8 180 days before such day—

9 (1) the Commission determines such extension is
10 necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this
11 Act;

12 (2) the Commission submits such proposed exten-
13 sion to the Committee on Natural Resources of the
14 United States House of Representatives and the Com-
15 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
16 United States Senate; and

17 (3) the Secretary, in consultation with the Gov-
18 ernor, approves such extension.

19 **SEC. 10. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.**

20 (a) *APPROVAL OF THE PLAN.*—The Secretary, in con-
21 sultation with the Governor, shall approve or disapprove
22 a plan submitted under this Act by the Commission not
23 later than 60 days after receiving such plan. Such plan,
24 as submitted, shall be approved if—

25 (1) the plan would adequately assist in protect-
26 ing significant historical and cultural resources of the

1 *Corridor while providing adequate and appropriate*
2 *outdoor recreational opportunities and economic ac-*
3 *tivities within the Corridor;*

4 *(2) the Commission has held public hearings and*
5 *provided adequate opportunity for public and govern-*
6 *mental involvement in the preparation of the plan;*
7 *and*

8 *(3) the Secretary receives adequate assurances*
9 *from appropriate State officials that the State will*
10 *implement the plan in a timely and effective manner.*

11 *(b) DISAPPROVAL OF PLAN.—If the Secretary dis-*
12 *approves a plan submitted by the Commission, he shall ad-*
13 *vis the Commission in writing of the reasons therefor and*
14 *shall make recommendations for revisions in the plan. The*
15 *Commission shall within 90 days of receipt of such notice*
16 *of disapproval revise and resubmit the plan to the Secretary*
17 *who shall approve or disapprove a proposed revision within*
18 *60 days after the date it is submitted.*

19 *(c) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall, upon request of*
20 *the Commission, assist the Commission in the preparation*
21 *and implementation of the plan.*

22 **SEC. 11. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL ENTITIES.**

23 *Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activities*
24 *directly affecting the Corridor shall—*

1 (1) *consult with the Secretary and the Commis-*
2 *sion with respect to such activities; and*

3 (2) *cooperate with the Secretary and the Com-*
4 *mission with respect to such activities and, to the*
5 *maximum extent practicable, coordinate such activi-*
6 *ties to minimize any adverse effect on the Corridor.*

7 **SEC. 12. DEFINITIONS.**

8 *For the purposes of this Act:*

9 (1) *The term “Commission” means the*
10 *Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National*
11 *Heritage Corridor Commission established under sec-*
12 *tion 5.*

13 (2) *The term “State” means the State of Con-*
14 *necticut.*

15 (3) *The term “Corridor” means the Quinebaug*
16 *and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Cor-*
17 *ridor under section 3.*

18 (4) *The term “plan” means the Cultural Herit-*
19 *age and Corridor Management Plan to be prepared*
20 *by the Commission pursuant to section 8.*

21 (5) *The term “Governor” means the Governor of*
22 *the State of Connecticut.*

23 (6) *The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of*
24 *the Interior.*

(7) The term “regional planning organization” means each of the 3 regional planning organizations established by Connecticut State statute chapter 127 and chapter 50 (the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, the Windham Regional Planning Agency or its successor, and the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Planning Agency or its successor).

8 SEC. 13. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

9 *There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as*
10 *may be necessary to carry out this Act: Provided, That not*
11 *more than \$200,000 shall be appropriated for fiscal year*
12 *1995, and not more than \$250,000 annually thereafter shall*
13 *be appropriated for the Commission to carry out its duties*
14 *under this Act: Provided further, That the Federal funding*
15 *to the Commission shall not exceed 50 percent of the annual*
16 *costs to the Commission in carrying out such duties.*

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